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EDITORIAL NOTES.

President McKinley proposes to push the war in the Philippines to a speedy end.

Geo. W. Munger, of Carter county, has been appointed private secretary to Congressman Robb.

The defeat of Bryan has disheartened the Filipinos and many of them are volunteering to help end the war.

Now there is a fight on against vaccination. That means, of course, a lot up in the fight against smallpox.

Webb City, Mo., has notified the world at large that their town was not named after Webster Davis. Oh, what a blow.

The Chinaman is said to learn languages easily. His opportunity just now to learn the principal languages of Europe is remarkably good.

A cyclone swept over West Tennessee and North Mississippi Tuesday and did much damage. Fifty lives were lost and hundreds of head of stock were killed.

It was nip and tuck race for Senator between Joe Caldwell and George T. Lee. Lee got there by the skin of his teeth. In this race both parties made bad nominations.

Assistant Cashier Brown of the German National Bank of Newport, Ky., stole everything the bank had except the furniture. That was made from quarter-sawn oak and was too heavy for one man to carry away.

The Japanese claim that the United States is the only nation in the world that can compare with Japan for enterprise, progress and brains. Uncle Sam long ago admitted the claim inasmuch as he styled the Japanese the Yankees of the Orient.

Paul B. Moore will soon take editorial charge of the Charleston Enterprise. Mr. Moore was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, and while he does not burn any money he has the "stuff" to push a Democratic newspaper and he will not hesitate to circulate some of his stuff.

There can be no possible reason why Oklahoma and the Indian Territory shall not be joined and admitted to statehood early in the coming year. The two territories now possess a population of nearly 800,000, fully double that claimed by any other State at the start, besides their crops during the past season averaged in quality and quantity away beyond those of many of the commonwealths, while in diversity they exceed those of any single state.

Li Hung Chang, the friend of progress, the wise statesman who, according to Grant, is one of the great men of the world, has been accredited by the authorities that China, at least recognizes to treat with the Powers touching the arrangement of all matters, including the punishment of the offenders. Back of this man are the conservative men of China, while Minister Wu at Washington and the Chinese Minister at London and other great centers give him their support and advice that he be recognized by all nations. And yet he goes unrecognized by all save the United States and possibly Great Britain.

Stockholder's Meeting.
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Brewery & Ice Company will be held at the office of the brewery in the city of Cape Girardeau on Monday, December 10, 1900, at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing five directors and considering a proposition to increase the capital stock of the Company and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

WILLIAM REINHARDT,
E. H. ENGELMANN, President
Nov. 10, 1900 Secretary.

A Business Change.
The firm of Richardson & Slavick has dissolved partnership. R. L. Richardson having sold his interest in the plumbing establishment to his partner, M. A. Slavick. Mr. Slavick will continue in the business at the old stand where he will be pleased to meet those who need work in the plumbing line.

Go to Glenn's to get bargains in Men's Underwear.

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Farmington News: Carl Crow, manager of the Carleton College football team, desires to announce that he has chartered a car from the Iron Mountain railroad Company for the inter-collegiate debate and football game to take place at Jackson on November 28th and 29th, respectively, between Carleton College and the Jackson Military Academy. An enjoyable time is promised all who attend these coming events. Arrangements have been made to accommodate the whole party from Farmington at the Central Hotel in Jackson. Those desiring to go should secure their tickets at once, as only a limited number will be sold. Tickets on sale at the City Drug Store. Price for round trip \$2.00.

The Charleston Enterprise and Chronicle have consolidated.

It is reported that a black bear was seen in the woods near Marquand last week. Now some of our big game hunters have an opportunity to distinguish themselves.

De Soto will soon have a \$10,000 Y. M. C. A. building.

Southeast Missourian, (New Madrid): Mr. and Mrs. Barry N. Fuller are now traveling with the Morris-Fontaine Theatrical Company, and at the close of this season will organize a company of their own. Mr. Fuller will be remembered as the gentleman who, with the assistance of our local talent, put several good plays on the stage here last summer. Mrs. Fuller was the talented elocutionist of Southeast Missouri, Miss Bess Whitney. Several parties were given free wheelbarrow rides in Caruthersville as the result of election bets. J. W. Martin propelled C. Campbell; Joe Pierce, in sock feet and jumper, was the motor power of a barrow in which reclined W. H. Evans, and J. W. McAlister, with a placard on his back bearing the words, "It's a d-d bad load, but I'm game," pushed J. M. Argo through the street on an unicycle. The procession was led by a cornett and snare drum player.

Benton Record: A tramp drifted into Benton Saturday, and wanted a place to sleep. He struck Tom Adams, who was at work on the new sidewalks. In his Kentucky drawl, Tom told him that he himself was a tramp, had struck town a couple of weeks ago, got drunk and was now working out a fine. It developed later that the "tramp" is a well-off farmer from Perry county, who had money to burn, but preferred to beat his way. He was recognized by a young fellow from Perry who is working here.

In a crowded store in Caruthersville last week two clerks engaged in a pistol duel. One of them snapped an empty revolver five times, unaware that it was empty; the other fired three shots and missed. No harm done, but much excitement for a while.

Dexter Messenger: Mrs. C. E. Smith is again in charge of the Keaton hotel in Bloomfield, having bought the furniture and fixtures from Millie Weber last Saturday. Mrs. Smith is one of the best landladies in this section of Missouri and caters well to the traveling public.

Caruthersville Democrat: The grading of a new railroad from Gibson to Clarkton, in Dunklin county, has been commenced and A. R. Ponder, of the Kennett and Southern, who is managing the new road and thinks it will be finished by Christmas. Clarkton, which is the oldest town in Dunklin county, is a historic place and used to be the metropolis of this section. For years a railroad has been the dream of her citizens and it now seems that their hopes will be realized.

Ironton Register: While digging a grave in the Pilot Knob cemetery Wednesday the grave diggers came in contact with an iron casket. The box that had enclosed the casket was completely rotted away but the casket was intact and through the glass top could be seen the corpse in a perfect state of preservation. A number of older residents were called in but none could identify the remains nor recall who had been buried there.

Stockholders Meeting.
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Girardeau County Fair and Park Association will be held at the court house in the City of Cape Girardeau, Mo., on the 4th day of December, 1900, it being the first Tuesday in December, for the purpose of electing nine directors and voting on a proposition to change the Constitution of the Association, and to attend to such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

Attest: D. A. GLENN, Pres.
E. H. ENGELMANN, Sec'y.

CAUGHT HIS MAN.

John F. Williams Caught the Man Who Stole His Team and the Fellow is Now In Jail at Vienna, Illinois.

John F. Williams, the livery man who followed the man Griffith caught his man at Vienna, Illinois. The man had hired one of Williams' best teams to go into the country to haul chalk, as he claimed to haul chalk. Instead of looking for teams to haul chalk the thief crossed the river and traveled from place to place working his bogus chalk game wherever he went. At Vienna he was trying to sell Mr. Williams' team. He offered to sell to the prosecuting attorney. Mr. Williams had the man arrested and he is now in jail where he will remain till the March term of the circuit court, when he will be convicted and sent to the penitentiary.

The Iri R. Hicks 1901 Almanac.

Whatever may be said of the scientific causes upon which Rev. Iri R. Hicks bases his forecasts of storms and weather, it is a remarkable fact that the specific warnings of every great storm, flood, cold wave and drought, have been plainly printed in his new famous Almanac for twenty years. The latest startling proof of that fact was the destruction of Galveston, Texas, on the very day named by Prof. Hicks in his Almanac, as one of disaster by storm along the gulf coasts. The 1902 Almanac, by far the finest, most complete and beautiful yet published, is now ready. This remarkable book of near two hundred pages, splendidly illustrated with charts and half-tone engravings, goes as a premium to every subscriber who pays one dollar a year for Prof. Hicks' journal, Word and Works. The Almanac alone is sent pre-paid for 25c. Order from Word and Works Publishing Company, 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

WHO DISCOVERED AMERICA?

Pekin Records Show Chinese Saw America Before Columbus.

The archives of Pekin have given up a secret that may lead to the solution of a mystery that has balked every student of American archeology since the Western Hemisphere was first visited by Columbus.

There have been found in the ancient Eastern capital records which prove conclusively that a landing was made on this continent by the Mongolians in the year 499 A. D., centuries before the Genoese Admiral was born and before the acceptance of the theory that the earth is a globe led the wise men of Europe to seek a new world in the West.

Students of early American history have found unmistakable evidence of Asiatic civilization among the forgotten ruins of the Continent. They have followed these traces through the wonderful works left by the Aztecs and faintly through the predecessors of the race, the Toltecs.

They have found what they believed to be proof that this Asiatic influence came to America from the north successively through what is now California and Lower California, but beyond this there has been nothing but the vaguest speculation. The discoveries made by American soldiers in Pekin shed a new light upon the subject. The records may indeed bridge over a chasm of centuries.

The story is that five adventurous missionaries sailed from the western coast of China, crossing the Pacific and skirting the Fox Islands, and finally sighting the Western coast of the American Continent. They turned southward and proceeded along with in sight of the shore until a landing was made in Mexico, opposite the Peninsula of Yucatan.

Here a number of temples were erected in the name of their own god. There is little doubt that these same edifices are described by De Charny in his book as "Buddhist temples." This interpretation of the Frenchman, while close to the mark, missed by a margin the real authorship of these evidences of an unknown civilization. It may not have been Buddha, but probably it was Confucius who inspired his zealous disciples. This may also clear up the mystery surrounding the astonishing strides of the Aztecs in architecture and industrial arts.

The supposition is that the Chinese who landed on our continent at that time instilled the natives with their wisdom in craft and the ruder arts to such an extent that there resulted a people of peculiarly high development.

Be that as it may, the records found in Pekin will not be contradicted and must remain as prima facie evidence of the courage and thrift of the Chinaman.

Dolls, aprons, pillows, pin-cushions, at the Rummage Sale. Watch the windows.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Chas. H. Hoyt, the famous playwright and at one time popular newspaper man, died at his home near Concord, N. H., on Tuesday night of this week. Mr. Hoyt was one of the most popular men in the theatrical world, his first attempt being "A Bunch of Keys," which piece brought him into prominence and thereby encouraged him to launch forth several other farce-comedies. During the first season of "A Trip to Chinatown" it is said that Mr. Hoyt realized \$130,000 out of his road productions. He was twice married, both of his wives being dead. During the past few years he was a very extravagant man, nevertheless he leaves an estate valued at more than \$200,000.

The "Widow Brown" Co., who will be at the Broadway Theatre on next Tuesday night, breaks the quietude in the amusement line here. Surely our theatregoers have had a sufficient rest and will turn out and greet this company with a full house. The play is partly on the order of "A Baggage Check" which piece our people are familiar with. It is a farce-comedy from start to finish and is one of those good old plays that will make a person forget the cares of business and carry him into the funny world.

Mme. Bernhard, "The divine Sarah," has just returned from Paris and will shortly make a tour of the United States, opening in New York City.

Joseph Jefferson is making a lecture tour of this country, and in that capacity is quite as successful as he has been for years in his character of "Rip."

In most of the latter day farce comedies the complications while humorous, are of the same nature, and the fickle husband and the over confident wife have been made to bring about situation which are often strained and unnatural. Not so in the case of "The Real Widow Brown." An audacious, frolicsome youth impersonates the real widow, another youth impersonates an old deacon who has been in correspondence with the widow, with a view to marriage, through the "Matrimonial Times" and the consequent complications brought about by the double identities give rise to an unbounded opportunity for fun and merriment. The situations and the climaxes are intensely funny, and the combined efforts of a clever company to amuse and entertain has met with success. Interspersed throughout the play are the very latest musical singing and dancing specialties and medleys. "The Real Widow Brown" will be at the Opera House Tuesday, Nov. 27.

It seems strange to us, nevertheless it is a fact, that this city, considering the population, does not take the interest in theatricals that it should. We live to learn, to better our intellects, to reap all the sweets of this life that are in store for us. That being the case why then deprive ourselves of the luxury, but at the same time it must be acknowledged that it is one of the greatest sources from which knowledge is derived. This city, among the theatrical managers, has a reputation which is not the best. We must make an effort to withdraw that impression and replace it with one that will do us full justice in the world at large, so that we may be able to secure some of the good attractions which now turn from us. Our local manager uses every endeavor to secure these companies, and, in fact, books many of them, but they cancel nearly every time with only a few days notice. It might be said that he has even gone so far as to guarantee them, and in the end being forced to lay money out of his own pocket in order to give us a company of merit and reputation. If we would have our city shine as the metropolis of Southeast Missouri, this is one of the most important features which we must uphold. Let's drag ourselves from this rut by trimming the whiskers of old fogyism and let the breeze of the theatrical and musical world kiss the fair forehead of a progressive and intellectual people, who can prize amusement and knowledge as pictured by the American artists who stand preeminent the world over.

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